



Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

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Happy
New
Year!

Dear Ocotillo Resident,

I hope you are having a joyous holiday season and you are able to spend it with friends and family.

As you may be aware, the City Council has proposed a new Citizens Task Force on Water and Sewer services. This Task Force will consider all issues related to water and sewer services, including rate structures. Additional information regarding specifics of the Task Force (such as how often they will meet, dates, times, etc.) will be forthcoming.

If you are interested in an appointment to this Task Force, please [click here](#) to fill out an application online, or call the City Council Office at 623-930-2249.

Thank you for considering this task force, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Sincerely,
Councilmember Norma Alvarez

New Year's Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's holiday. [Click here](#) for information on service schedules and facility closures.

Glendale's Year in Review. As 2011 comes to a close, the many accomplishments of Glendale city staff were recently touted at the Glendale City Council retreat. The list of nearly 90 accomplishments are tied to each of the strategic goals set by the city council: one community that is fiscally sound, one community with strong neighborhoods, one community committed to public safety, one community with quality economic development, one community with a vibrant city center, one community with an active partnership with Luke Air Force Base and one community with high-quality services for citizens.

For a detailed list of the accomplishments presented to the city council visit www.glendaleaz.com and click on "Year In Review" on the newsflash banner.

January Job Searching Labs. Are you finding that job searching online can be overwhelming? Need help establishing an email account, creating a resume, or applying online? Glendale Public Library offers job coaching and assistance on the following dates in January:

Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on the following Thursdays: January 5, 12 and 19. Job Searching Labs are held in the large meeting room at the Main Library, and are facilitated by Steve Schrade, an Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, and former director of human resources for Bashas'.

Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Avenue, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18 and 25. Job Searching Labs at Velma Teague are facilitated by Michael Burton, Information Technology Specialist at Glendale Public Library. No registration is necessary.

The free job searching labs are made possible in part by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 along with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Glendale Traffic Alert for Fiesta Bowl Game on January 2. College football fans, Westgate City Center tailgaters and regular Loop 101 commuters are being advised of heavy traffic expected on the Loop 101 from Northern Avenue to Camelback Road in the afternoon and early evening on Monday, Jan. 2, due to the Fiesta Bowl at University of Phoenix Stadium and the activities surrounding the game.

Heavy traffic is also predicted on surface streets in and around Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District.

To help with game-day traffic, traffic advisories will be issued by way of Twitter. Tweets can be viewed online at www.twitter.com/GlendaleTraffic or on your smart phone. For more information on the Fiesta Bowl and Fiesta Bowl events, visit www.glendalesgotgame.com.



Fiesta Bowl Events

Tostitos Brings You the 15th Annual "College Football's Biggest Party"

- Monday, January 2, 2012
- 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- University of Phoenix Stadium – North Orange Lot, Glendale
- Tickets: \$20

Annually attracting tens of thousands of fans, College Football's Biggest Party is an action-packed celebration full of the ultimate tailgate experience. Crazy sports fanatics gear-up for the big game while enjoying pep rallies, performances by the university marching bands and cheerleaders, jumbotrons, interactive games and food and beverage booths. Ticket price includes a plated meal.

APS Fiesta Bowl Stadium Club featuring Chilean Haas Avocados

- Monday, January 2, 2012
- 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- University of Phoenix Stadium – Great Lawn, Glendale
- Tickets: \$80 before December 1, \$100 after December 1

On game day, VIP guests are invited to enjoy the college football festivities from an exclusive area located outside University of Phoenix Stadium. This upgraded tailgate features big screen televisions and musical entertainment as well as a wonderful pre-game meal. Stadium Club creates a game-day atmosphere with team-spirited décor and a flair for which the Fiesta Bowl is known.

41st Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

- Monday, January 2, 2012
- Kick-off at 6:30 p.m. MST
- University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale
- Tickets: \$155, \$190, \$235, \$255

For info and more: <http://www.fiestabowl.org/> or call the Fiesta Bowl at (480) 350-0911 or (800) 635-5748

As a member of the Bowl Championship Series, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl has the opportunity to host the champion of the Big 12 Conference as well as an at-large BCS team. The 41st Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played at University of Phoenix Stadium and telecast on ESPN.

Glendale Presents the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Each year in January, Glendale honors Dr. King and his ideals with a luncheon that brings the community together in celebration of King's work and the on-going efforts to promote a society that is just, peaceful and understanding. The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 13, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. This year's event features keynote speaker, Freedom Rider Jim Zwerg and emcee, ABC 15's Susan Casper.

Reservations for the 2011 Unity Day Luncheon are \$40 per person. Tables of 10 can be reserved for \$400. Seats may be purchased by calling 623-930-2050.

The luncheon is considered one of the state's premier celebrations of King's life and ideals. For more information regarding this event, visit www.glendaleaz.com/unityday.

Glendale Glitter and Glow Block Party - Jan. 14, 2012. Glow, baby, glow! Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with a rockin' block party, Glendale Glitter and Glow, on Jan. 14, from 4-11 p.m. with fun for the whole family!

Thousands of people are expected to stroll along 16 blocks of closed streets in Historic Downtown Glendale, watch 20 tethered hot-air balloons gently expand as pilots fire them up, and enjoy 11 different bands performing rock, blues, country and pop music. [Click here](#) for more information.

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